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## THE MAYOR ARRESTED

### Miller Has Serious Charges to Answer

**Evidence Tends to Show That He Has Been Putting Water In Milk He Sold to The Annex Cafe.**

**A Warrant and Complaint has Been Issued by the County Attorney.**

Some time ago, complaints were made to Staples & Qualls proprietors of the Annex Cafe that the milk they were selling was not good. They began to investigate the milk sold to them by J. E. Miller, Mayor of Liberal, and Sam Gilbert, who lives north of town. They found that the milk Miller was selling them was very blue, and had the appearance of having been watered. Harry Staples took a sample of the milk sold them by Miller and sent it to D. M. Wilson, State Dairy Commissioner at Manhattan. He received from him the following letter:

STATE DAIRY COMMISSION:  
D. M. WILSON, COMMISSIONER  
M. R. ALLEMAN, DEPUTY  
Manhattan, Kans., 2, 17 '11  
Messrs. Staples & Qualls,  
Liberal, Kansas.

Gentlemen:-

The sample of milk forwarded to us under the date of Feb., 11th, has been tested by the Chemist and reports of follows:

Butter fat 2.4 per cent; solids not fat 6.15 per cent; total solids 8.55 per cent.

The analysis of this milk is conclusive evidence that the milk has been adulterated by the addition of about 30 per cent water. If the milk was pure the solids not fat would be between 8.5 and 9 per cent and the total solids would be 12 per cent or better. I would like to have you write me the particulars about this sample of milk; from whom it was procured; who took the sample; how the sample was taken; whether it is being bought on the basis of butter fat or by weight or measurement. I should like to get this evidence, as I believe the person offering the milk for sale or disposing of it as pure milk should be prosecuted, according to our dairy law.

Awaiting your full advice relative to same, I am

Yours truly,

D. M. Wilson.

Another letter was sent by Staples & Qualls asking the Dairy Commissioner to come to Liberal to investigate the matter further. Mr. Wilson replied that he could not come at this time and advised them to have the city marshal meet the man who sold the milk, and take a sample. They did not do this because they knew of the intimate friendship between Marshall Youst and Mayor Miller. Instead they asked several disinterested persons to take the samples, seal them and forward them by express to the Dairy Commissioner at Manhattan.

Wednesday morning the county attorney received a telegram from

the deputy state dairy commissioner, which follows:

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.  
Manhattan, Kansas, 3-2-11.  
County Attorney,  
Liberal, Kansas.

If circumstances against J. E. Miller for adulterating milk justify, prosecute. Two samples analyzed show 27 and 33 per cent water respectively.

M. R. ALLEMAN.

The editor of the DEMOCRAT had asked the State Dairy Commissioner to send him the result of the analysis. Thursday morning the following telegram was received:

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.  
Manhattan, March 2, 1911  
C. G. Eddy:

Sample one, J. E. Miller, two and seven tenths per cent fat; six and two tenths solids not fats. Sample two, two and three tenths per cent fat; five and seven tenths per cent solid not fat. Twenty seven percent and thirty three per cent water respectively based on low standard, giving producer benefit of doubt.

M. R. ALLEMAN

Mr. Alleman is the deputy State Commissioner.

The samples were taken at different times in the last ten days. The information in the form of several affidavits was laid before county attorney C. R. Commons. After a careful investigation he swore to an information which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, E. S. Irwin, who issued a warrant for the arrest of J. E. Miller.

The warrant was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Geo. Quinlin who served it Thursday afternoon. Mr. Miller's bond was fixed at \$500. The information on which the warrant was issued contains three counts. His bond was signed by C. V. Manatt and M. H. Scandrett.

#### Liberal Girl Married

Miss Essie Nicolls formerly of Liberal and Mr. C. A. West of Ft. Collins, Colorado were married at the home of the bride's parents at Peabody, Kan. Thursday evening, Feb. 23, 1911.

#### Remodel Bakery

The City Bakery is being remodeled this week. The back partition has been taken out to enlarge the front room, where a new soda fountain will be installed to take care of the noted Kansas thirst.

When opportunity knocks at your door these days you must be quick to answer or some near neighbor will have heard the same knocking and kidnapped the timid little knocker while you tarried.

#### The Day Letter

**A New Feature Added To The Western Union Service Here**

Day letters by telegraph at a great reduction on the present rates can be sent from the office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. at Liberal. Word that the new system was to be installed was recently received at the office here, and the new order went into effect the first day of March.

The day letter will be similar to the night letter which was introduced by the company some six months ago. It will now be possible to send urgent messages of considerable length by telegraph at a reduced rate.

The office here has given out the following rates to illustrate the reduction from the former day rates compared with the new day letter rates. The points selected are those most used by the patrons of the company here.

A letter of fifty words costs, to: Chicago night letter 50 cents, day letter 75 cents, former day rate \$1.70.

New York, night letter 60 cents, day letter 90 cents, former day rate \$2.20.

Kansas City, night letter, 40 cents, day letter 60 cents, former day rate \$1.60.

San Francisco, night letter 75 cents, day letter \$1.13, former day rate \$2.75.

St. Louis, night letter 50 cents, day letter 75, former day rate \$1.70.

Topeka night letter, 40 cents, day letter 60 cents, former day rate \$1.60.

Wichita night letter 40 cents, day letter 60 cents, former day rate \$1.60.

Hutchinson night letter 40 cents, day letter 60 cents former day rate \$1.60.

St. Joe night letter 40 cents, day letter 60 cents, former day rate \$1.60.

Another new service of the company is the telephoning of messages to small towns after the small office has closed. No charge is made for this service.

A patron of the company who wishes to send a message in a town where the office is closed, as at night or on a holiday, now has the privilege of calling up the nearest telegraph office that is open by long distance telephone and giving his message to the office without charge for telephone tolls.

The change will mean the employment of more operators and messenger boys. As soon as possible the present battery system will be done away with and a dynamo will be installed.

#### Grier Cars Moved

A fire at McFarland Friday morning destroyed the Grier Hotel at that point, and the cars used by that company here were moved to McFarland last Sunday. The new hotel here will probably be ready for occupancy by March 20, and there will be no railroad eating house here until the new hotel is opened. There has been nothing officially given out, but it is generally understood that the hotel at McFarland will be rebuilt as soon as possible.

#### Episcopal Services.

Arch Deacon Wilcox of Salina will hold Episcopal services here Sunday night March 12th.

#### Pathetic Death

F. P. Hill, a farmer who lived up in Grant county came to this city about two weeks ago with a large freighting wagon and a four horse team for the purpose of hauling supplies to his farm. It rained on him and also on his bedding on the way in and that night without stopping to consider he slept in the damp bedclothing. The consequence was that the next day he became ill with pneumonia and died after a short illness at the White House, February 25th. Mr. Hill was a widower and leaves two boys out on the farm one 17 years of age and the other 12. He was about 49 years old at the time of his death, and is said to have carried considerable insurance.

#### A CHANCE TO PREPARE Seward County High School to Offer Course for Rural Teachers

A Teachers' Review is being organized as a feature of the high school work this spring. The plan is to offer a review of six weeks in all subjects required for a second grade teachers' certificate. More advanced work will be offered if there is sufficient demand for it. The course will be open to all teachers, those expecting to become teachers, and all others of sufficient advancement to profit by the work offered. No tuition will be charged. The state texts will be used and the Institute course of study will form the basis of the work. This course is not intended to take the place of the regular Normal institute in any respect but to give added opportunity for advancement. If those expecting to take the examination after Institute, will take part of their subjects in this course and the others in the Normal Institute a thorough review of all may be secured.

It is believed that this will be a splendid opportunity for beginners to prepare for their first work in teaching and for those already teaching to prepare for more efficient work. Pupils preparing for the diploma examination may also receive the needed review.

The work will begin about April 17. Remember, the school makes no charges. All that is asked is that those expecting to attend will let us know what subjects they desire to take up.

Address all communications to F. O. Rindom, Superintendent of Schools, Liberal, Kansas.

#### Concert Was Good.

The concert given at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening was one of the best entertainments given in Liberal this year. The church was crowded with appreciative patrons of the affair, and every number was well received. The total receipts amounting to about \$55 will be expended for new pews for the church.

Bert Davis returned Saturday from a trip to Juarez Mex. and other western points. While in Juarez he witnessed a couple of minor encounters between the insurrectionists and Mexican army.

#### Township Trustees

The Senate passed Senator A. S. Cooke's bill which provides a penalty of a fine of from twenty-five to fifty dollars for any township treasurer who neglects to publish the detailed statement of receipts, expenditures and indebtedness of such township.

#### City Tickets Named Two Sets of Officers Have Been Placed in Nomination

Two different city tickets were placed in nomination last week at conventions held last Thursday and Friday nights at the City Hall. The first caucus was that of the old and well known Citizens Party. They selected Dr. R. T. Nichols for Mayor, A. K. Stouffer, P. A. Craig, Tom Smith, Chas Summers and J. E. George as councilmen, and Had Lane as police judge. All of the men named are old residents and those who will run for the council on that ticket are among the heaviest property holders in the city. A committee was selected to draw up a platform for this party, consisting of the candidates, the permanent chairman, W. H. Feather, and the permanent secretary, T. W. Hubbard. All of the candidates are too well known to need any introduction or recommendation to the public. There were no other candidates nominated in the convention, and they had a liberal endorsement of the business men of the town.

Another convention was held Friday night of last week. This is said to have been called at the instigation of the present mayor, J. E. Miller, who requested Mrs. V. H. Grinstead to announce it at a meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the Christian church a short time ago. It further seemed to be an endorsement of the present administration in as much as a majority of the present council was re-nominated. Paul Light easily carried the nomination for mayor over L. D. Weidensaul. Those chosen to run for the council were M. H. Scandrett, A. Shumate, D. L. Longnecker members of the present council and L. D. Weidensaul, and Chas. Ellsaesser. There were several other candidates before the convention, including Dr. T. A. Jones, Clarence Hubbard and O. P. Buckland, who never seemed to have a show against the forces be-

hind the ticket selected. N. L. Falls was selected as candidate for police judge without opposition. The name chosen was Progressive Party. Bert Dubois was elected permanent chairman, and Earl Cooper, permanent secretary.

There are many friends of both tickets, and it seems probable that this will be one of the closest elections ever held in the city. Both tickets are composed of successful business men, and the question of the preference of the public will not be determined until April 3, at which date the city election will be held.

#### HODGES ROAD

##### BILL PASSED

**Townships Will Pay One-Fourth of the Cost of New Highway.**

Topeka Feb. 23.—The Hodges Good Roads Bill was passed by the senate this afternoon. The bill provides that upon the completion of any road improvement the commissioners shall apportion three-fourths of the road's cost among the several tracts of land according to the benefits accruing to the land. The township through which the road passes is to pay the remaining one-fourth of the cost.

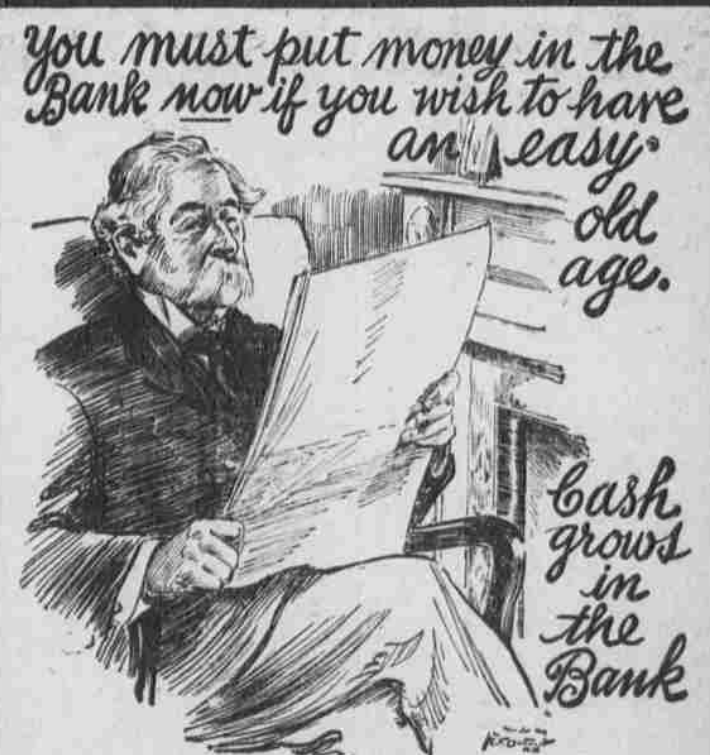
#### We Want the Cards

While the city campaign is on we want post cards from the farmers to assist us in the city scales campaign. If you have sent a card giving your position in the matter, ask your neighbors to do it. We all need to boost for the city scales for Liberal.

A display of gorgeous costumes and finished acting will be witnessed at the opera house March 8th or 9th, at "The Spinners' Return from Klondike." Be sure to attend.

Frank Ong made a business trip to Minneola the first of the week.

Grover Keown came in Friday from Dalhart.



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